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BOARD RECEIVES EASTERN ILLINOIS REPORT

CHARLESTON, IL.--Fiscal Year 1988 Grants and Contracts for Eastern Illinois University now total 42 awards, with a combined value of \$3,055,576, according to Eastern President Stan Rives.

Rives included the figures in his monthly report to the State Board of Governors at their meeting in University Park, Thursday (February 25th).

Additions to the programs since his last report included a \$94,000 research grant from the National Institute of Health and a \$40,000 service grant from the Illinois Community College Board.

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According to Rives, the NIH funds will support a study of the nitrogen-fixing Rhizobium Bacteria and their relationship to an effective symbiosis with legume plants. The service grant will provide comprehensive Illinois Labor Market and career information and deliver training in its interpretation.

A grant from the Coles County Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee will provide extra meals to senior citizens of Coles County, while one from the Illinois Department of Transportation will extend the seatbelt educational component of the grant.

The Board also approved the transfer of nearly \$556,000 from the University's Commodities and Equipment funds to the areas of Personal Services, Contractual Services, Telecommunications, Operation of Automotive Equipment, and Contribution/Social Security for Medicare.

Rives said a University midyear budget review resulted in the need for this line item transfer request to put funds where they are most needed to accomplish University objectives.

He also told the Board that the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Tenth Decade Campaign has now reached \$4,730,201 or 94.6% of its goal. The Campaign was inaugurated to commemorate the founding of Eastern in 1895 by the General Assembly. It is a five-year development program with the goal of raising \$5 million in private contributions to the University and the Foundation by December 1989.

The board also approved several routine purchases.